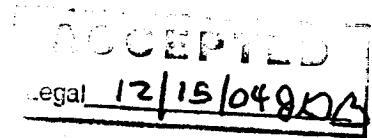


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Dear Sir / Madam:

Please notify me of the scheduled hearing. We manage a property served by Midlands Utility, Inc., and need to understand the reasons for the proposed rate changes.

Sincerely,

W. W. Wharton  
Vice President, Finance

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cc: Gene Newlon, Property Manager  
Reese B. Quick, President, Southern Development Management Co., Inc.